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To: Senate Bill No. 503

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"AN ACT LIMITING DEALER CONVEYANCE FEES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 14-62 of the general
4 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
5 (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

6 (b) (1) The selling price quoted by any dealer to a prospective buyer
7 shall include, separately stated, the amount of the dealer conveyance
8 fee and that such fee is negotiable. No dealer conveyance fee shall be
9 added to the selling price at the time the order is signed by the buyer.

10 (2) No dealer shall include in the selling price a dealer preparation
11 charge for any item or service for which [he] the dealer is reimbursed
12 by the manufacturer or any item or service not specifically ordered by

13 the buyer and itemized on the invoice.

14 (c) Each dealer shall provide a written statement to the buyer [or]
15 and prominently display a sign in the area of [his] such dealer's place
16 of business in which sales are negotiated which shall specify the
17 amount of any conveyance or processing fee charged by such dealer,
18 the services performed by the dealer for such fee, that such fee is
19 negotiable, that such fee is not payable to the state of Connecticut and
20 that the buyer may elect, where appropriate, to submit the
21 documentation required for the registration and transfer of ownership
22 of the motor vehicle which is the subject of the sale to the
23 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in which case the dealer shall reduce
24 such fee by a proportional amount. The Commissioner of Motor
25 Vehicles shall determine the size, typeface and arrangement of such
26 information.

27 Sec. 2. Section 14-62a of the general statutes is repealed and the
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

29 (a) No dealer licensed under the provisions of section 14-52 shall
30 advertise the price of any motor vehicle unless the stated price in such
31 advertisement includes the federal tax, the cost of delivery, dealer
32 preparation and any other charges of any nature, except that such
33 advertisement shall (1) state in at least eight-point bold type that any
34 state or local tax, registration fees or dealer conveyance fee or
35 processing fee, as defined in subsection (a) of section 14-62, is excluded
36 from such [stated] advertised price, and (2) separately state, in at least
37 eight-point bold type, immediately next to the phrase "Dealer
38 Conveyance Fee", the amount of such dealer conveyance fee or
39 processing fee.

40 (b) Any new or used car dealer violating the provisions of this
41 section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars. The
42 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may suspend or revoke, in
43 accordance with section 14-64, the license of any such dealer violating
44 the provisions of this section.

45 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) Not later than November 1, 2015,
46 each new car dealer and used car dealer licensed under section 14-52 of
47 the general statutes, and continuously in business during the period
48 from October 1, 2014, to September 30, 2015, shall provide to the
49 Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee the
50 following information: (1) The average amount charged by each dealer
51 as a dealer conveyance fee or processing fee in each month of the year
52 commencing October 1, 2014, and ending September 30, 2015; (2) a
53 description of how such fee was calculated, and the reason for any
54 month-to-month variations in such fee; and (3) the name and address
55 of the dealer and whether such dealer is a new car dealer, a used car
56 dealer or both. For purposes of this section, "dealer conveyance fee" or
57 "processing fee" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-62 of
58 the general statutes, as amended by this act.

59 (b) The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee
60 shall facilitate the submission of information described in subsection
61 (a) of this section by (1) publicizing the requirements of this section, (2)
62 developing and distributing a form for such submission, except there
63 shall be no requirement that such form be used, provided, if such form
64 is not used, the information is submitted in a manner and form that
65 reasonably conforms to the requirements of subsection (a) of this
66 section, (3) allowing such submission either by mail or electronic mail,
67 and (4) taking any follow-up steps necessary to ensure complete and
68 accurate reporting of such information.

69 (c) The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee
70 shall, not later than January 15, 2016, report, in accordance with the
71 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing
72 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
73 relating to transportation. Such report shall be a compilation of the
74 information submitted pursuant to this section and shall include a
75 description of the methodology used to collect and report such
76 information."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-62(b) and (c)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-62a
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section